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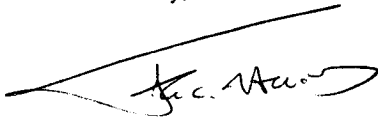
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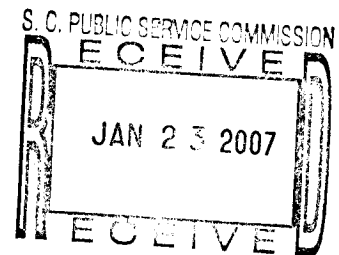
Dear SCPSC:

This is a letter in support of net metering for homeowners who choose solar power. Currently, the cost of solar power is, for the average homeowner, prohibitive, as it is not cost-effective. Given the realities of global warming, the geopolitical costs of remaining in the hostile Middle East, why doesn't every homeowner in SC have a solar panel? The answer is easy - expensive, and without some way of recouping the costs through net metering and tax advantage, it will never occur. I live in a wealthy neighborhood here on Sullivan's Island in the "sun belt" and yet no one on the island has solar power, aside from a neighbor who uses a solar panel for hot water. WE NEED ENERGY INDEPENDENCE! Please help me and others justify the initial costs for solar power by allowing net metering. This trend could catch on. Thanks so much.

Sincerely,



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